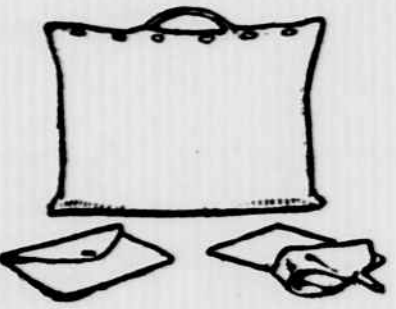


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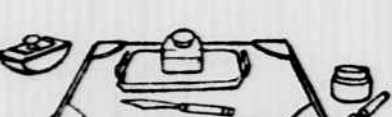
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Hitchcock Reports Success of His Postal Economies.

SURPLUS IS \$219,118.12

Asks Congress to Aid in Further Paring Expenditures.

PLEADS FOR PARCELS POST

Thinks Americans Should Have Advantages Accorded Foreigners.

Frauds in the Mails.

Calling attention to the fact that by the adoption of more business methods the postal deficit of nearly seventeen and a half million dollars, which existed two years ago had been wiped out and a surplus of \$219,118.12 had been accumulated during the past fiscal year, that the postal savings system had been successfully established, with a total of \$11,000,000 in deposits in eleven months; that a partial solution of the second-class mail problem has been found by the shipment of monthly and semi-monthly periodicals as fast freight; that 3,744 new post offices have been created; that delivery extended to 136 additional cities; 2,516 new rural routes established, covering 60,679 miles, and that the average salaries of rural carriers, post office clerks, city letter carriers and railway postal clerks have been materially increased. Postmaster General Hitchcock, in his annual report, just made public, asks the cooperation of Congress in effecting still further and material reforms in the postal service of the country.

He pleads for a parcels post system, pointing out that such a service is enjoyed by the people of foreign countries, even in the United States itself, and asks the same privilege for the natives.

Plan of Inauguration.

He outlines how he thinks the service should be inaugurated and gradually extended so as to prevent mail congestion, and adds: "If Congress will grant without delay the desired authority and provide the necessary appropriations (three items of \$50,000 each are asked for the purpose) it is believed that before the end of another year a satisfactory parcels post can be organized on the rural routes and in cities with a carrier service, thus paving the way for the final step in the organization of a general parcels post. "The most important problem," the report states, "next to the question of establishing a parcels post, to be considered by Congress at the coming session will be that of readjusting postage rates." The great loss sustained in handling second-class mail at the rate of 1 cent a pound is again referred to as well as the hearings of the President's commission on the subject during the summer, and a two-cent rate is recommended tentatively, leaving for future determination such additional increase as may be found necessary to meet the cost. The discontinuance of the franking privilege is recommended and legislative authority for the use of special stamps and envelopes to take its place.

To Save Nine Millions.

Another problem urged for congressional solution is the readjustment of railway mail pay, and in substitution for the present plan it is recommended that the compensation of railroads be based upon the amount of car space used. The report predicts as a result the saving of \$9,000,000 annually.

Reference to the reorganization of the railway mail service is made, coupled with the statement that "although not completed, it has gone far enough to bring about a decided improvement," and it is added "unquestionably the final result will mean a tremendous saving of money, and will be accompanied by important benefits to the employees of the service." A new system of salaries will insure regular promotions and higher maximum compensation.

Important changes have been made in the city delivery service, whereby deliveries in residential sections have been reduced in number to afford more frequent deliveries in business districts, which the report states is almost universally approved by business men.

The consolidation of the rural delivery and star route services, the report states, has proved to be most beneficial and has enabled the department to extend mail delivery to many thousands of additional patrons by a rearrangement of established routes with but little increase in the annual rate of expenditure.

Aerial mail service is referred to in the report, with the statement that "the progress being made in the science of aviation encourages the hope that ultimately the regular conveyance of mail by this means may be practicable where the natural conditions preclude other means of rapid transportation."

Reduced Sunday Labor.

The action of the department in reducing to a minimum the employment of post office clerks and letter carriers on Sunday, the report declares, has been received with great favor by the employees and with little objection from the patrons of the service.

Pensions for superannuated employees are advocated, with the recommendation that they be based upon length of service and the declaration that "benefits to the retired officers is also urged, such increases having been made during the past year in presidential post offices out of the appropriations granted by Congress."

The effect of classifying assistant postmasters by the civil service commission, which has been done during the past year as rapidly as it was possible to ascertain their qualifications for efficient service, the report states, has been to stimulate these officers in the performance of their duties and their greater efficiency has had marked effect on the conduct of the service. It is argued that the same reasons apply with equal force to the postmasters and the recommendation for the classification of presidential post offices is strongly renewed.

The report closes with a review of the crusade against those engaged in the fraudulent use of the mails. Last year's record, the report states, shows 529 indictments, 184 convictions and 12 acquittals. Most of the cases, it is added, will come to trial during the current year. "Swindlers thus indicted," the report declares, "had fraudulently obtained from the public many millions of dollars." The value of the press reports of the prosecution is also declared to have been great in preventing innocent persons from being defrauded. The handling of all such cases by the Department of Justice is recommended to relieve post office inspectors of a responsibility which seriously interferes with their usual duties.

Emancipation Celebration Planned.

Arrangements have been completed for a mass meeting to be held Monday, December 18, at 8 p.m., at Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, N. street northwest between 10th and 11th streets, to celebrate emancipation. Ex-Senator John B. Henderson, who introduced the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution, will be the principal speaker.

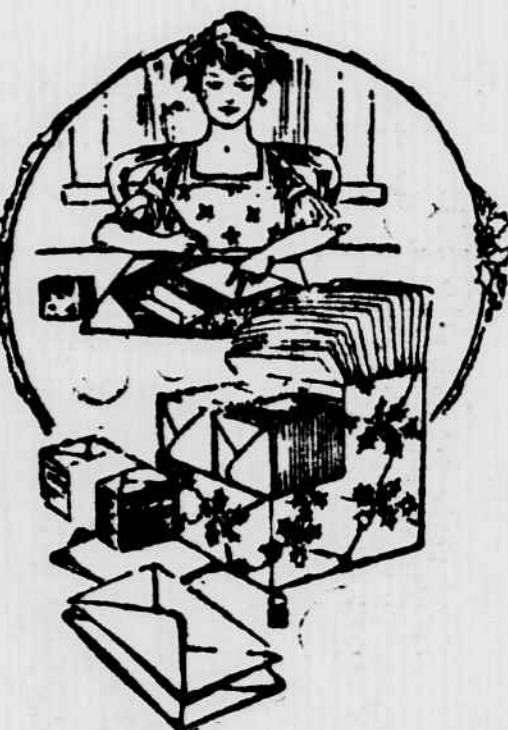
Knicker—Do you think women would vote for the best man?

Bocker—Certainly, the bridegroom wouldn't be noticed at all.—Judge's Library.

A Wholesaler's "Clean Up" of Art Linens

Choice in a Special Sale Tomorrow, Each 36c

German Linen Scarfs and Shams, some lace trimmed, some finished with drawwork and embroidery, also with scalloped border. As these are linen pieces made to sell at 50c and 60c, our special price should dispose of them all before noon tomorrow. To be found on Bargain Tables—Lace Aisle—Street Floor tomorrow.



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Two-quire boxes, Eaton, Crane & Pike's Paper, in fancy boxes, two sizes, note and letter, a box. 50c
Two-quire Cretone Covered Paper Cabinets, of high-grade paper, a box. 60c

SPECIAL—The value, 3-quire fancy box of Paper, contains three sizes of paper, TOMORROW. 59c
Eaton, Crane & Pike's 3-quire Fancy Boxed Paper, 3 different sizes of paper, a box. 98c
Crane's Linen Lawn, in plain white or fancy boxes, fine quality papers, priced according to quality and amount of paper, a box, from 98c to \$2.98.

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PARISIAN IVORY DESK SETS are among the latest novelties. We are showing a beauty, consisting of six pieces—Inkstand, paper knife, hand blotter, pen tray, stamp box and penholder—at. \$9.98
7-piece Brass Desk Set, consisting of pad, spiral pen holder, calendar, hand blotter, inkstand, paper knife and tray. \$1.59
6-piece Brass Desk Set, with flexible desk pad, calendar, inkstand, hand blotter, pen tray and paper knife. \$4.98
7-piece Brass Desk Set, of pad, perpetual, calendar, hand blotter, inkstand, paper knife, stamp box and pen clip. \$7.50
8-piece Brass Desk Set, consisting of pad, inkstand, paper knife, hand blotter, blotter and stamp box. Stationery—Street Floor. \$3.25

OUR SPECIAL 6-piece Brass Desk Set of flexible pad, double inkstand, pen tray, paper knife, pen rack and hand blotter. \$5.98
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All of linen with hand-embroidered panel fronts in the new floral designs; Gibson pleats, laundered collar and cuffs; perfect fitting. All sizes 34 to 44 bust; collar sizes 12½ to 15—price difference is due to the more elaborate embroidery work. Two prices—

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Painted hair, and strong bodies.
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11 in. tall.....75c
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17 in. tall.....\$1.98
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Unusual Special Infant Dolls, 49c
One of the most attractive of the character body dolls. Doll is 10 inches tall, has movable limbs, movable face, head, painted eyes, flesh-tinted body.

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Selling these silks today as fast as yard sticks can measure quantities desired. No wonder. They are great values.

Ten distinct patterns in self-colored jacquard figures, also plain color silks.
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One style is a full-length broad-cloth lined with guaranteed satin, semi-fitted back, wide, mannish revers, lined with velvet. These are \$20.00 values.
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